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BUDAPEST MEETING OF RULING PARTY CC SECRETARIES

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1. IN REFTELS, WE SPECULATED THAT ROMANIANS ARE ENGAGED IN
EFFORT TO DEFUSE TERRITORIAL/MINORITY ISSUES CURRENTLY PLAGUING
HUNGARIAN-ROMANIAN AND YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN RELATIONS BY GET-
TING SOVIETS AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO SIGN ON
TO REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENTS TO CSCE PRINCIPLES OF TER-
RITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
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IN BALKAN OR WARSAW PACT FRAMEWORK OR BOTH. WE ALSO NOTED
DOUBTS EXPRESSED BY LOCAL YUGOSLAV SOURCE THAT BUDAPEST
MEETING OF RULING PARTY SECRETARIES WOULD DISCUSS THESE ISSUES,
SINCE LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE WAS NOT HIGH ENOUGH TO PERMIT COM-
MITMENTS.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NEITHER TIME NOR OPPORTUNITY TO

DEBRIEF ROMANIANS HERE ON MEETING WHICH ENDED MARCH 1, WE WOULD NOTE THAT MARCH 2 SCINTEIA'S ACCOUNT AFFIRMS THAT "PARTICIPANTS AT THE CONSULTATIONS EXPRESSED THE SOLIDARITY OF THEIR PARTIES..WITH THE STRUGGLE OF ALL PEOPLES AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST POLICY OF FORCE AND DIKTAT, AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO IMPEDE THE FREE EXPRESSION OF THEIR WILL, FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, THE INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, FOR RESPECT OF THE RIGHT OF EACH PEOPLE TO DECIDE ITS DESTINY ITSELF, WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE." ACCORDING TO SCINTEIA, PARTICIPANTS ALSO STRESSED SIGNIFICANCE OF WIDE POPULARIZATION OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS "TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, FOR CONSISTENT AND INTEGRAL IMPLEMENTATION BY ALL PARTICIPATING STATES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT ADOPTED AT HELSINKI."

3. WE ALSO NOTE THAT RCP CC FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY STEFAN ANDREI DID NOT ATTEND KADAR'S RECEPTION FOR ASSEMBLED GUESTS MARCH 1: SCINTEIA CAREFULLY NOTES RCP WAS REPRESENTED BY CC IDEOLOGY SECRETARY DUMITRU POPESCU.

4. COMMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON WHETHER PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THIS KIND DEALT WITH FRONTIER INVIOABILITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THIS WAY, AND WHETHER WORD "DIKTAT" ("DICTAT" IN ROMANIAN) IS COMMONLY USED IN AGREED PRESS ACCOUNTS FOLLOWING SUCH MEETINGS. FOR ROMANIANS, "DIKTAT" HAS ONLY ONE CONNOTATION: VIENNA AWARD OF 1940, CONFIDENTIAL

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GIVING NORTHERN TRANSYLVANIA TO HUNGARY. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT HUNGARIANS CALL VIENNA AWARD "ARBITRATION" AND RESERVE "DIKTAT" FOR 1920 TRIANON TREATY WHICH REDUCED HUNGARY TO ITS ETHNIC FRONTIERS.

5. STILL ASSUMING THAT ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS AT BUDAPEST WERE INDEED PRESSING FOR REAFFIRMATION OF CSCE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE PRINCIPLES APPLICABLE TO SE EUROPEAN CONTENT, IT SEEMS TO US THEY CAME AWAY WITH HALF A LOAF. LANGUAGE ON "IMPERIALIST POLICY OF FORCE AND DIKTAT," TERRITORIAL INVIOABILITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE HAS WORLDWIDE APPLICABILITY AND IS SEPARATED IN TEXT FROM PASSAGE ON CSCE MORE OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED FOR POST-BELGRADE SELF-DEFENSE. AT SAME TIME, WE SUSPECT ROMANIAN HOPES OF GETTING SPECIFICALLY SE EUROPEAN TEXT AT THIS MEETING WERE MODEST, GIVEN PRESENCE OF CUBANS AND MONGOLIANS AND ABSENCE OF YUGOSLAVS, AND THAT THEY WILL BE SATISFIED, OR AT LEAST CLAIM THEY ARE SATISFIED, TO HAVE SOVIET, HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN AGREEMENT TO EVEN THIS MUCH. WE ALSO EXPECT THEM TO KEEP TRYING, POSSIBLY AT MARCH MEETING OF WP FOREIGN MINISTERS, CERTAINLY IN BALKAN FRAMEWORK.

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